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Ben and Tam's great present to me...my own allotment. Call me a nerd or whatever you want...it is a little bit of paradise. Relax, turn off and enjoy the peace..

As it was



Newly rotavated

Before the  
oak tree  
pruning  
session



...and  
after







..as head accountant of Goldsmith,  
Goldsmith and Goldsmith I was  
instructed by Inland Revenue to  
keep a running balance...







I know that throughout these books there are numerous photos of our park but sometimes it is hard to accept that these great views are on our doorstep



Burnham on Crouch















Houseboat with  
a difference

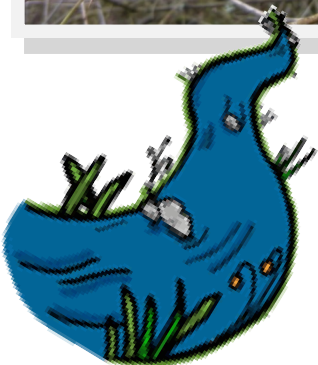


The Secret Garden  
in Trent Park





We often take a walk from Bull mill near Hertford North along the River Nymm and it is always different







March 2014. Walking in the lovely grounds of Wrest House







Mum seems settled  
in The Wellington  
Park Home and the  
staff look after her  
very well





Thriplow Village has an annual daf-fodil fair and morris dancing was just one of the attractions..good traditional fun







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Such great dancing  
even the ferrets came  
out to watch



The old  
means of  
transport



...and the very latest







At home we realised that our resident frogs could not get out of their pond so we built them a ladder and it was well used



April 2014. We went to Flushing again and met DP bringing the sipping rum ashore







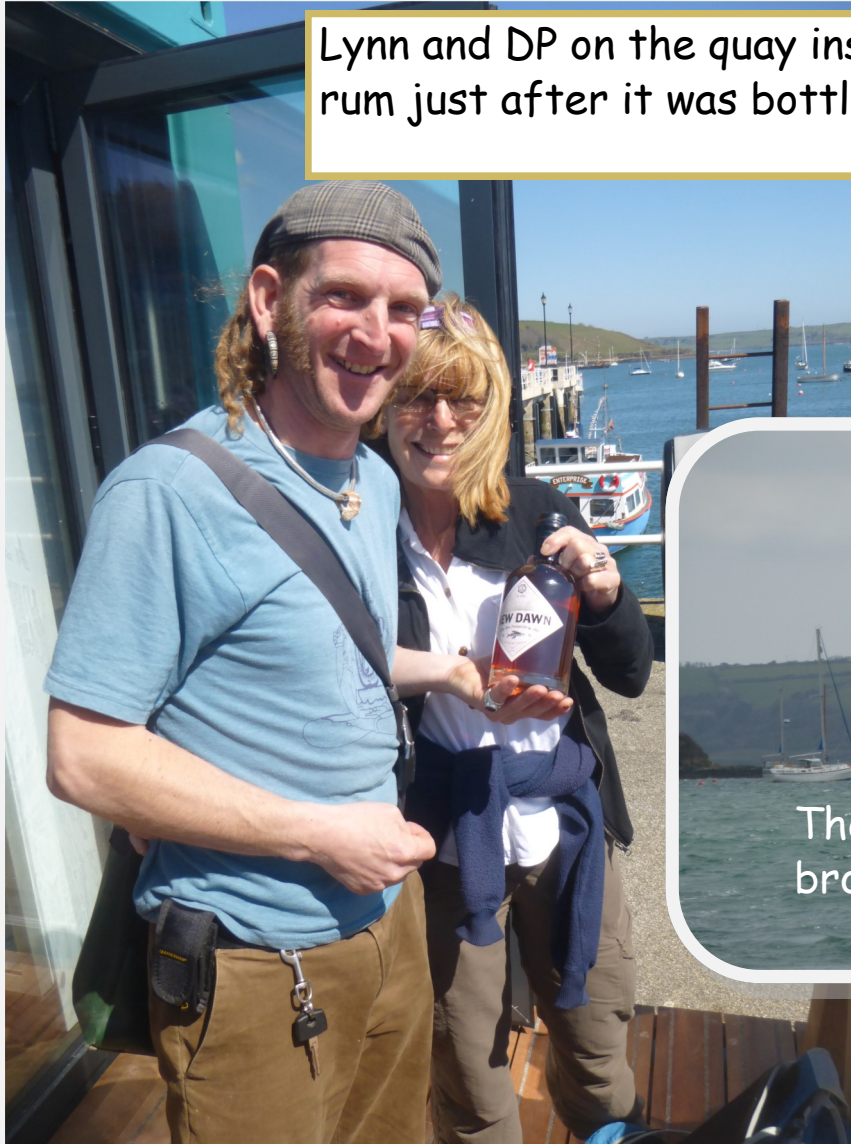


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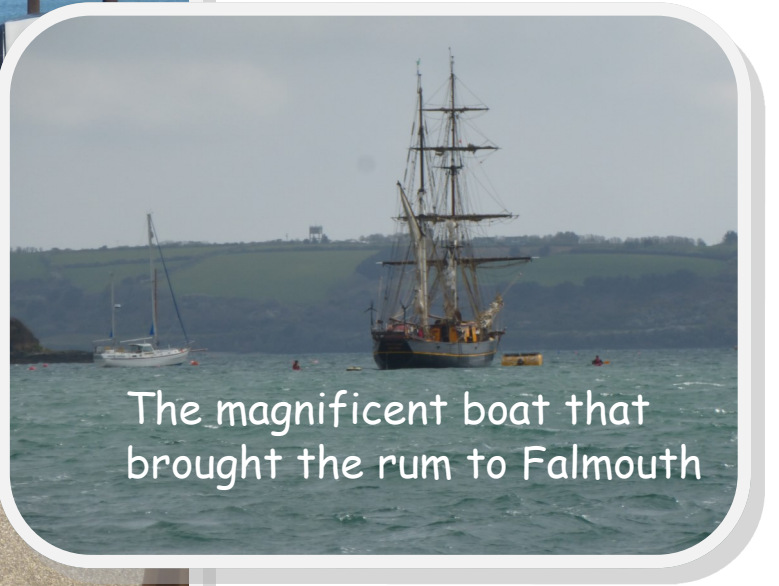


Trefusis Farm in  
Flushing..our regular  
farmhouse B&B





Lynn and DP on the quay inspecting the sipping rum just after it was bottled



The magnificent boat that brought the rum to Falmouth



The guided tour of the boat by the cheerful crew (after the perilous dinghy trip from Falmouth quayside) ..what could have caused that beam???





DP checking his pocket for a spare 'squid' to compete with the 'star' of the show..



Doing my best...only 4 more crates to go





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..."and then this lorry just flashed past us"



Dolly's Tea Rooms in Falmouth







This arcade was originally Falmouth's first cinema which was, when it was built in 1912, one of the largest in Britain.







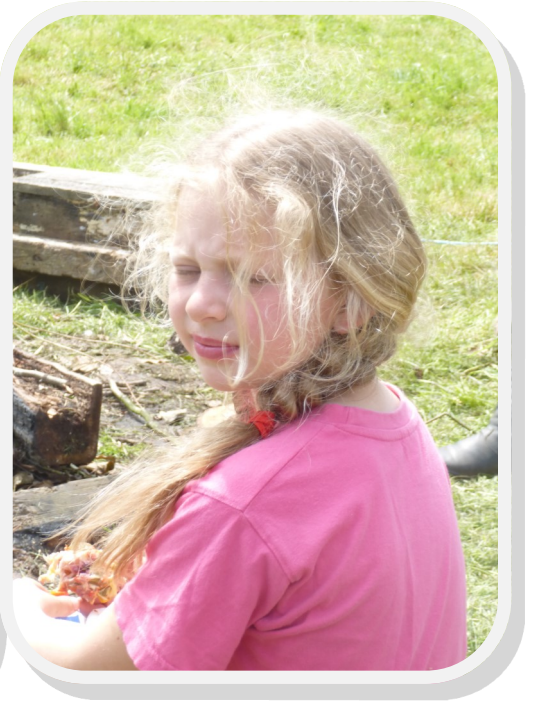
In May 2014 there was a low-key gathering at Radford Mill where the kids were born and grew up and it was totally relaxed and enjoyable







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May Day on Southgate Green







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*Dinner was announced.....*



At the end of May we went to Cardiff for a fun-filled weekend to celebrate Ivor & Jude's 140th birthday !!

*.....and it had to be fish*

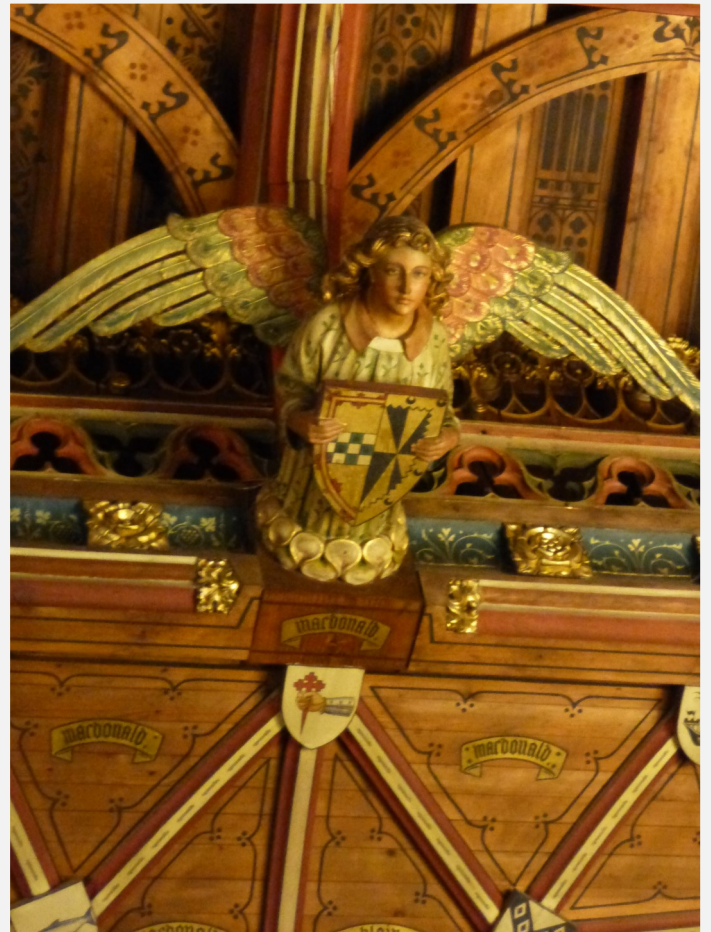


It's so hard to make an original speech

...have you heard the one about....







...and if we catch you flashing again constable we will put you in your own lockup..







Caerphilly castle a medieval fortification in Caerphilly in South Wales. The castle was constructed by Gilbert de Clare in the 13th century as part of his campaign to conquer Glamorgan



Nostalgia at St Fagans National History Outdoor Museum





Covent Garden







Arnon's son and Sohia came to London in June 2014 and stayed with us for a few days. We had a fantastic time together and the weather could not have been better



In Grovelands Park



What visit to London would be complete without Brick Lane Bagels

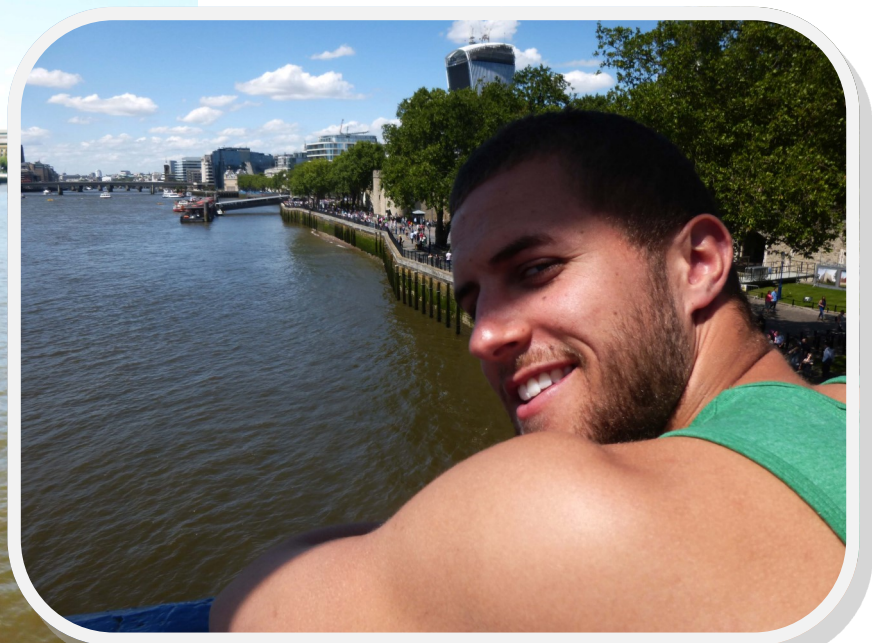
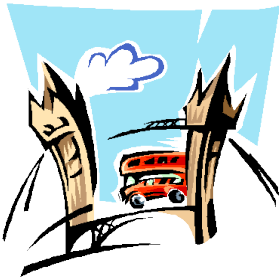




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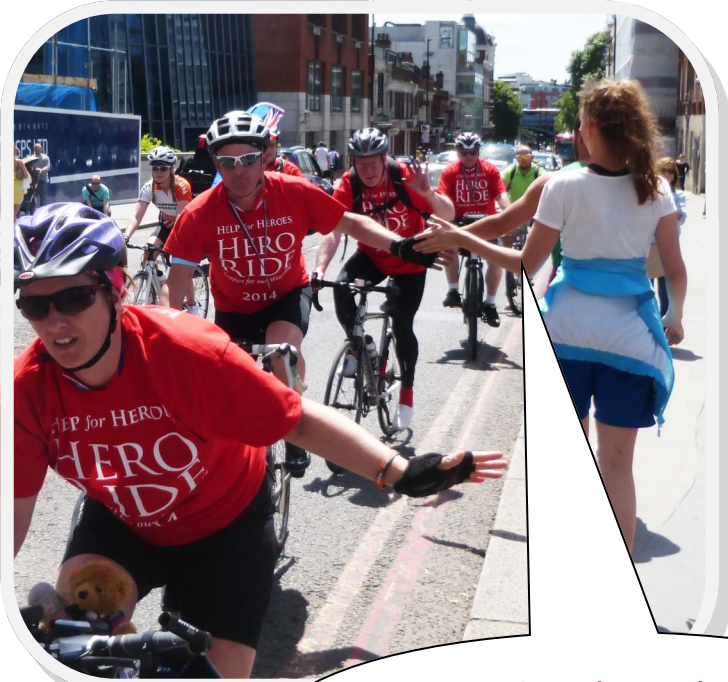
....not quite sure  
how it stayed up  
when they left







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Supporting the Help For  
Heroes Cycle Ride



Enjoying a  
picnic in the  
gardens in  
Docklands









Steve's 70 party





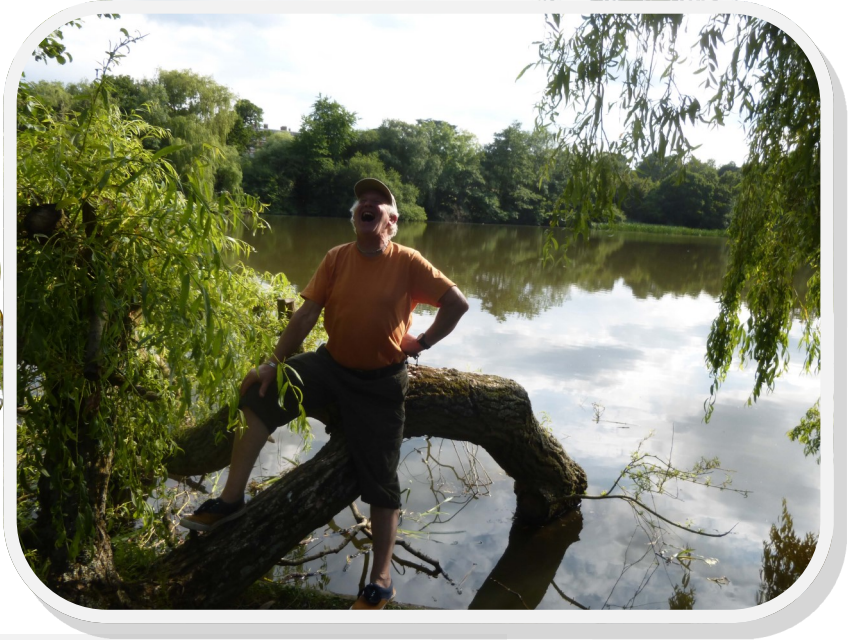








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Trent country park. A great place to relax

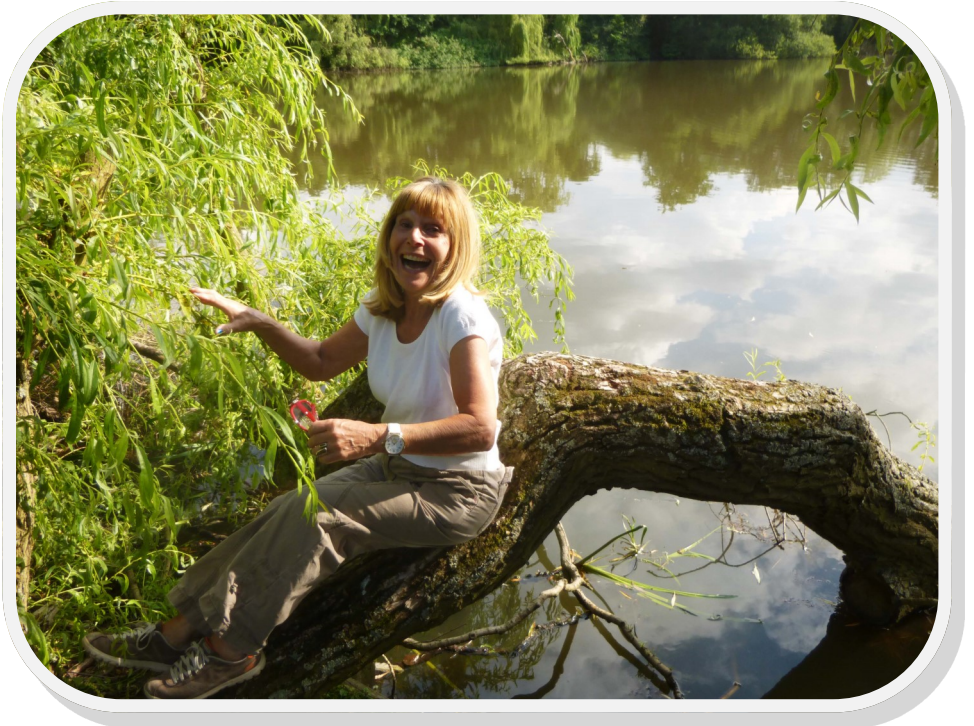










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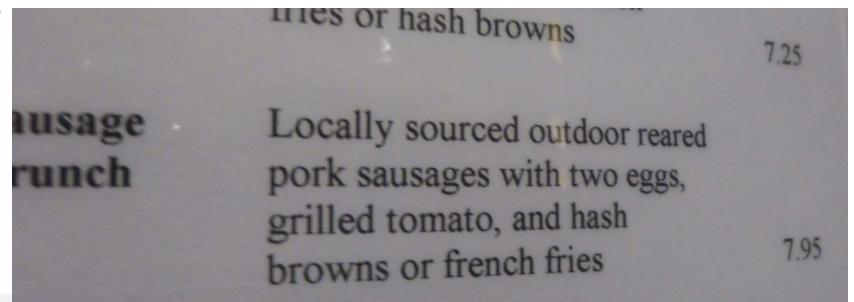






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Sometimes it doesn't seem a fairly matched contest





## November 2014

Postscript.....It has been a busy year. The older I get, the busier I seem to be and that is great. This is reflected in the fact that this book is from February 2014 to July 2014 but I am still catching up with the books as shown by the date above.

Family matters first. Mum is well settled in the Wellington Home but is not 'mum' as I remember her. She is inside that façade but not really able to relate to the world round her any more but she is settled and well looked after. Lynn had a pretty big op recently and that all went well but shortly after she was struck down by a kidney infection and hospitalised for 5 days. This meant we had to cancel our well planned holiday for November but we can postpone that and hopefully insurance will re-imburse us. More important is that she is well. Ben has just started on dialysis which is very life-changing-our smashing Tammy is right in there giving him every support. They are a great couple and we really love them. Larnie continues to do really well at school and we so enjoy her company but obviously we see less of her now that she is fully absorbed with her own friends and education...just as it should be. The family bond is still so strong and we saw DP last week with Beau and Peachy. They came by train staying overnight and we saw a film at Imax and had a really great time together. They are both growing up. Beau is a really thoughtful lad and Peachy is a real scream and the three of them are very close. We are extremely lucky.

Last week (1st November) I actually officially retired ..well from catering at least. Maria Bazin agreed to accept the surrender of the lease without penalties and it was kind of sad to clear out the unit and see it bare and ready for Aimee (from the next unit) to take over. I know that Jo misses it as indeed I miss her and the routine we have developed over the 15 plus years we were there together. Maria Bazin wrote praising me as a 'model tenant' and saying 'don't lose touch as it would be an impossible void to fill'. Incredibly nice words. I like to think that this reflects my attitude to life and people.





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I can honestly say that I have always tried to be honest in business and over the many years have given my best to my clients and behaved decently and with high standards both in my dealings with suppliers and staff.

Anyway enough about me.

The catering-free zone has now got to be filled and Lynn and I firstly want to make maximum use of our time together. We have great plans to travel and tick off our 'bucket list' while we are still capable. We still argue but if I didn't hear her dulcet tones pulling me up for something (mostly well deserved) I would think I had gone deaf., seriously though..that is us and by now I guess we should be used to it. She is actually the best most thoughtful , selfless person I have ever met.

We are blessed with an 'increasing' number of friends and I thought that as one got older one wouldn't make new friends. That has proved not to be the case and our more recently acquired and our old friends are all very dear to us as well.

We are looking forward to a great future together and as Sass is still out there demanding time and energy I am kept alert in mind and with a real focus and purpose.

It is a great life and we are enjoying it to the full